

CLASSIFICATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF COLLECTIONS

EXECUTIVE PAPERS

The work of classifying and arranging the Executive Papers, as described in my last report, was continued. These papers include the thousands of original letters, petitions, memorials, and reports to the governors. They have been arranged in 269 boxes, averaging about 150 pieces to the box. The arrangement is chronological by administrations. The collection embraces the papers of all our governors from Gabriel Johnston, 1735, to Alfred M. Seales, 1889, though, unfortunately, in some cases only a very few papers of certain administrations have been preserved.

LEGISLATIVE PAPERS

On March 18, 1915, the accumulation of Legislative Papers heretofore carelessly preserved, without arrangement, in wooden cupboards in the Capitol, was transferred to the Historical Commission. Upon the completion of the work on the Executive Papers we began a similar work on the Legislative Papers. These papers include the originals of the journals, bills, reports, messages, petitions, memorials, and other papers of the General Assembly from the Revolution to our own time. The collection is equally as important as, and even more extensive than, the Executive Papers. The work of classifying and arranging these Legislative Papers has just been begun, and but little progress has yet been made in it.

HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS

The following collections of Historical Manuscripts were arranged and made ready for use:

D. S. Reid Papers, 1803-1880,
R. H. King Papers, 1816-1830,
Alexander Spotswood Letters, 1710-1712,
W. R. Davie Papers, 1778-1817,
John Steele Papers, 1777-1831,
William Duffy Papers, 1785-1809,
Calvin H. Wiley Papers, 1835-1902,
Nathaniel Macon Papers, 1804-1836,
W. H. S. Burgwyn Papers, 1861-1912,
Miscellaneous Papers, 1711-1912.

Other additions that will be hereafter noticed were made to our collections of Historical Manuscripts which have not yet been arranged for use.

REPAIR OF MANUSCRIPTS

The work of reinforcing, restoring, and mounting manuscripts for binding, as described in a previous report, was continued. During the period covered by this report 2,270 pieces were reinforced; 4,363 restored; and 10,194 mounted for binding.